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## Kinesiology Student Awarded Grant by I'm An Athlete to Assist with Research

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First-year graduate exercise science student, Jordan Brown, was awarded a \$500 grant from *I'm An Athlete*, an organization that supports adaptive research projects. *I'm An Athlete* raises and distributes funds to motivate passionate individuals who wish to conduct research on sport and physical activity outcomes in a person with disabilities.

Under the supervision of Assistant Professor Nicholas Siekirk, Ph.D., Brown's research includes a comprehensive assessment of both motor and fitness skills with a focus on applying the latest research-based interventions specific to the needs of each child's disability.

Brown used the awarded funds to support research on the after-school program, Super Eagles, by purchasing equipment that is housed in the Kinesiology Research Labs located on the Georgia Southern University Statesboro Campus.

Super Eagles is a program in the Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology's undergraduate Exercise Science program designed to improve the physical parameters of those with physical, cognitive and sensory impairments.

"These are important goals to address as many individuals with disabilities who have atypical fitness and motor function due to limited exercise opportunities. The Super Eagles program is located in southeast, rural Georgia where opportunities are limited therefore intervention is needed. The equipment purchased will be used throughout the participants' time in the Super Eagles program," stated Brown.

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